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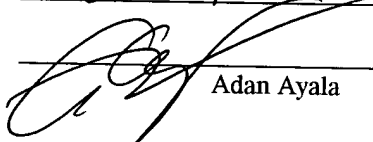
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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicants hereby request that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of these documents are enclosed herein.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following is a concise explanation of the different references in the German language:

German Musterregisterkarte Nos. M 88 04 105, M 89 08 254, M 92 02 473, M 94 08 587, M 96 02 589, M 96 07 592 and M 96 09 716 illustrate several battery packs.

German Utility Model No. 93 02 661 relates to a housing for receiving battery cells which housing (1) consists of a block of electrically non-conductive material and comprises holes (2; 3) adapted to receive batteries and battery cells. As shown in Figure 1, the one-piece block consists of two circular portions connected through a neck portion. No explanations as to the effect of the neck portion are found in the description.

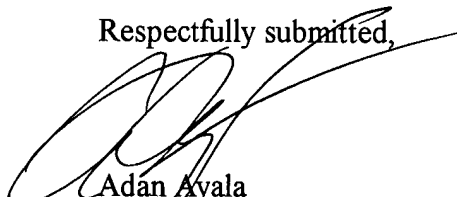
German Utility Model No. 295 13 651 relates to a battery powered hand tool and, in particular, to the latch mechanism (29) for releasably connecting the battery pack (10) to the tool housing (14).

European Patent Application No. EP 0 716 904 describes a battery powered angle grinder having an ergonomic handle designed to receive a battery pack or battery cells.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in processing this statement or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548. One copy of this paper is attached.

To discuss any aspect of this disclosure statement, or any other aspects of this application, the Examiner should call the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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